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December Field Trip

The twenty-seventh annual census of water birds at Lake Merritt, Oakland, was taken on Sunday, December 16th. The following is the result of our morning's walk around the lake, twenty-six species of water birds.

Horned Grebe 5; Eared Grebe 67; Western Grebe 3; Pied-billed Grebe 23; Farallon Cormorant 163; Great Blue Heron 1; American Egret 8; Black-crowned Night Heron 24; Lesser Snow Goose 3 (one adult and two immature); Mallard 21; Baldpate 162; Pintail 597 (476 male, 121 female); Shoveller 4; Wood Duck 3; Redhead 1; Canvas-back 98; Scaup 21; American Golden-eye 38; Ruddy 123; Coot 460; Glaucous-winged Gull 74; Herring Gull 1; California Gull 60; Ring-billed Gull 120; Short-billed Gull 3; Bonaparte Gull 650. Pinioned Geese not included in the above—Canada 4; Cackling 2; White-fronted 1; Lesser Snow 4.

Twenty-three species of land birds were seen:

Sparrow Hawk, Quail, Spotted Sandpiper, Anna Hummingbird, Belted Kingfisher, Red-shafted Flicker, California Jay, Bush-tit, Robin, Hermit Thrush, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Cedar Waxwing, Audubon Warbler, House Sparrow, Brewer Blackbird, House Finch, Green-backed Gold-Finch, Spotted Towhee, Brown Towhee, White-crowned Sparrow, Golden-crowned Sparrow, Song Sparrow.

Twenty-one members and six guests were present. Members attending were: Mr. and Mrs. Dubois, Mr. and Mrs. Leffler; Mesdames Austin, Baer, Bozant, Curtis, Kelly, Stowell; Misses Berg, Helt, Kirk, Rinehart, Stanton, Sterne, Young; Messrs. Bryant, Cochrun, Harbey, Heyneman.

—Junea W. Kelly, *Leader and Historian.*

Christmas Bird Census

Audubon Association of the Pacific, December 23, 1945.

San Francisco, California (Marina and Fine Arts Pool, Laurel Hill, Lincoln Park, Sutro Heights, Seal Rocks, Pacific Ocean Beach, Golden Gate Park, Lake Merced, Bay View Park, Twin Peaks, Buena Vista Park, Mt. Davidson, Stern Grove, Hunters Point, and Balboa Park.)

Ocean beach 9%, bay shore (with salt marsh and mud flats) 7%, park 60%, fresh water pond and marsh 10%, open fields 7%, chaparral 7%.

Dec. 23, 1945—sunny; temperature Avg. 50; wind 8 M.P.H.; observers 27 in 8 parties; total hours 68 (65 on foot, 3 by car); total miles 59½ (56 on foot, 3½ by car).

—Herman V. Leffler, *Chairman.*

	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	Total
Pacific Loon	2								2
Horned Grebe	1								1
Eared Grebe	1						E75		76
Western Grebe	54	23	14			35			126
Pied-billed Grebe	2			8	4		10	2	26
California Brown Pelican	4	1	15	6					26
Farallon Cormorant	10	46	27				2		85
Brandt Cormorant				4					4
Great Blue Heron							1		1
American Egret		3							3
Anthony's Green Heron				1					1
Cackling Goose						1			1
Mallard	50		16	193	31	4			294
Gadwall					19			2	21
Baldpate	87			15	23			3	128
Pintail				2	1				3
Shoveller	1			13					14
Wood Duck	3								3
Red Head Duck	6								6
Ringneck Duck	75				4		51		130
Canvas-Back	26				11		4		41
Greater Scaup					2				2
Lesser Scaup	20			1	13				34
American Golden Eye		1							1
Buffle Head							1		1
White winged Scoter	1			2					3
Ruddy Duck	49	3		4	42		30	4	132
Sharp Skinned Hawk				1	1		2		4
Cooper Hawk		1	1		2				4
Red Tailed Hawk		1	1					3	5
Sparrow Hawk	2	7	5				1	4	19
California Quail			14	2	11	10	65	35	137
Gallinule				2					2
Coot	100	3	47	50	193		82	30	505
Snow Plover				25					25
Killdeer		1							1
Surf Bird				5					5
Black Turnstone	8			14					22
Willet		120							120
Spotted Sandpiper		7							7
Sanderling	1	25		44					70
Glaucous Winged Gull	56	212	19	46	92	2	E36		463
Western Gull	E500	7	6	E250	71		20		834
Herring Gull		16							16
California Gull	285	E303	5	5	21	12	E850		1481
Ring billed Gull	7	E361			12	8	E100		488
Short billed Gull	2	6	42						50

Bonaparte Gull		125							125
Anna Humming Bird		19	8	24	14	6	11	3	85
Belted Kingfisher	1			1				1	3
Red Shafted Flicker		21	16	6	2	17	7	6	75
Black Phoebe	3	1	7	2	11		8	3	35
California Jay			5	1		2			7
Raven				1				2	3
Crow		1			2				3
Chestnut backed Chickadee			3	25	22	18	14	4	86
Bushtit							20		20
Red-breasted Nuthatch				6					6
Creeper				2					2
Wren Tit							1		1
Winter Wren								3	3
Bewick Wren				2					2
Marsh Wren							1		1
Mockingbird	1								1
Robin	2	125	26	13	58	35	1	28	308
Varied Thrush		1		1	2	13			17
Hermit Thrush		1	7	2	5	10	3	5	33
Golden Crowned Kinglet							7		7
Ruby Crowned Kinglet	3	1		30	14	10	2	9	69
California Shrike		22						1	23
Audubon Warbler	7	49	14	75	56	28	10	23	261
Townsend Warbler				7	17	11			35
Martle Warbler					3		200		203
Yellow Throat				2			6		8
English Sparrow		81	35	9		75	84	25	309
Meadow Lark		27							27
Red winged Blackbird							1		1
Brewer Blackbird	170	3		151	45		118		487
California Purple Finch				2					2
House Finch		102	42	9	18		12	26	209
Pine Siskin			22		19				41
Goldfinch Willow					1				1
Spotted Towhee			1	1	7	30	1		40
Oregon Junco		11	4	31	36	15	1	20	118
White Crowned Sparrow	7	22	83	105	276	25	87	41	656
Golden Crowned Sparrow		1	6		3	27			37
Fox Sparrow			1		14		2	2	19
Song Sparrow	2		3	17	16	5	12	8	64
Gold Finch, Green-backed					4		1		5
Species	35	38	30	47	41	23	40	26	89
						Total Birds			8419

Group I — Marina, Palace of Fine Arts.
Group II — South Bay, Hunters Point, McLaren Park.
Group III — Laurel Hill, Lincoln Park, Lands End.
Group IV — Cliff House to Golden Gate Park to Chain of Lakes.